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SUBJECT: DAKAR FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT: EXCHANGE OF TOASTS  
BETWEEN FRENCH AND SENEGALESE PRESIDENTS

REF: DAKAR 2765

1. SUMMARY: IN APRIL 20 DINNER TOAST DURING FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT, SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR CALLED FOR CONCERTATION BETWEEN AFRICAN LEADERS, IRRESPECTIVE OF IDEOLOGY, TO DEAL WITH CURRENT THREAT TO AFRICAN LIBERTY. HE ARGUED THAT THERE WAS NO "FUNDAMENTAL DIVERGENCE" BETWEEN PROBLEMS OF POOR COUNTRIES, AND MORE EQUITABLE ECONOMIC ORDER COULD BE PURSUED EITHER BY CONCERTATION AND DIALOGUE OR BY "BRUTAL CONFRONTATIONS." SENGHOR EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO FRENCH FOR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, AND SAID INSTITUTION OF GLOBAL MECHANISMS -- INCLUDING COMMON FUND -- TO ORGANIZE RAW MATERIAL MARKETS CONSISTED

"TEST OF POLITICAL WILL OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES." HE LOOKED FORWARD TO DISCUSSIONS ON SAFEGUARDING EXPORT EARNINGS OF POOR COUNTRIES, AND SUGGESTED THAT DEBT CANCELLATION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR POOREST. REPLY BY FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING REITERATED IMPORTANCE OF AFRICAN STATES' "RIGHT TO SECURITY" AS ESSENTIAL BASIS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND FOR FULFILLMENT OF "AFRICAN PERSONALITY." HE SAID "SOLIDARITY" OFFERED BEST RESPONSE TO SECURITY THREATS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN TOAST DELIVERED AT APRIL 20 DINNER DURING FOURTH FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT, SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR WELCOMED COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING FOR FIRST TIME, SAYING THAT THEIR PRESENCE SIGNIFIED THAT MEETING REMAINED OPEN ON BASIS OF EQUALITY TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS, WHATEVER THEIR IDEOLOGIES. HE SAID AFRICAN CONTINENT WAS PASSING THROUGH DIFFICULT HOURS FOR ITS SECURITY AND DANGEROUS HOURS FOR THE CONQUEST OR CONFIRMATION OF ITS LIBERTY. "THE CLASH OF IDEOLOGIES, UNADAPTED TO OUR TRADITIONS AND OUR PROBLEMS, HAS, AS USUAL, FAVORED THE INTERPLAY (JEU) OF RIVAL IMPERIALISMS." UNCLASSIFIED

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SENGHOR DECLARED IT WAS NOT TOO LATE TO TRY TO STOP THIS EVOLUTION, "WHICH AIMS AT REPLACING ON OUR OLD CONTINENT, AFTER THE COMMERCIAL COMPTOIRS OF THE COLONIAL ERA, THE IDEOLOGICAL COMPTOIRS OF THE ATOMIC ERA."

3. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, SENGHOR SAID, IT WAS MORE THAN EVER NECESSARY THAT AFRICAN LEADERS EXCHANGE ANALYSES OF COMMON DIFFICULTIES AND CONCERT AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE TO REINFORCE THEIR COOPERATION. IT WAS "LEGITIMATE," SENGHOR SAID, THAT THAT WILL TO COMMON ACTION EXPRESS ITSELF IN FRAMEWORK OF "HISTORIC AND TRUE FRIENDSHIPS."

4. HOWEVER, SENGHOR WENT ON TO STRESS THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY, ARGUING THAT THERE WAS NO "FUNDAMENTAL DIVERGENCE" IN PROBLEMS OF POOR COUNTRIES. "THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES IN AFRICA... ILLUSTRATE IN A TRAGIC MANNER THE CONTRADICTIONS, TRAGEDIES AND... CONSEQUENCES OF UNDER DEVELOPMENT." THE ALTERNATIVES WERE EITHER CONCERTATION BY DIALOGUE ON INSTALLATION OF A MORE EQUITABLE ("BECAUSE MORE RATIONAL") INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, OR "BRUTAL

CONFRONTATIONS, AT FIRST LOCALIZED, BUT WITH PROLONGATIONS  
RAPIDLY UNPREDICTABLE."

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5. ALTHOUGH INSTALLATION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER HAS BEEN HAMPERED BY "EGOTISMS AND SHORT-SIGHTED INTERESTS," SENGHOR EXPRESSED "GRATITUDE" TO FRENCH PRESIDENT FOR HAVING SEEN NEED FOR CHANGE AND HAVING CONVINCED OTHERS IN FRAMEWORK OF PARIS CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. FRANCO-AFRICAN COOPERATION, SENGHOR LATER DECLARED, WAS "EXEMPLARY" DESPITE PASSING PROBLEMS. SENEGALESE LEADER CALLED FOR "PATIENT PURSUIT" OF NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, AND STRESSED "ALL THE HOPES THAT WE PLACE IN THE ACTION OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, BUT ALSO IN THE DYNAMIC ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY."

6. SENGHOR CALLED INSTITUTION OF GLOBAL MECHANISMS - INCLUDING COMMON FUND - FOR ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF RAW MATERIAL MARKETS "A VERITABLE TEST OF THE POLITICAL WILL OF THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES." HE NOTED THAT "CERTAIN RECENT EVOLUTIONS IN THE ATTITUDE OF SEVERAL INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES" SUGGESTED THAT A "FERTILE DISCUSSION" WOULD FINALLY BEGIN ON THE QUESTION OF SAFEGUARDING OR IMPROVING EXPORT EARNINGS OF POOR COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT "THE EXTERNAL DEBT LEVELS REACHED TODAY DICTATE THAT, AT LEAST FOR THE POOREST COUNTRIES, OF WHICH THE MAJORITY ARE IN AFRICA, THE PRINCIPLE BE RETAINED OF CANCELLATION OF THE HEAVIEST DEBTS." SENGHOR ASSERTED THAT THIS WAS BOTH "MATTER OF JUSTICE" AND RELATED TO "PROBLEM OF SAFEGUARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE," AGAINST THREAT OF PROTECTIONISM.

7. IN ELOQUENT EXTEMPORANEOUS REPLY DELIVERED AT REQUEST OF HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY (THE SENIOR PARTICIPANT) ON BEHALF OF SUMMIT GUESTS, FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF AFRICAN "PERSONALITY", AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT, ITS SECURITY AND "OUR SOLIDARITY." GISCARD DESCRIBED FRANCE'S ATTACHMENT TO AFRICAN PERSONALITY AND CULTURE AND MENTIONED SENGHOR'S APPEAL FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL ORDER. ON DEVELOPMENT, GISCARD SAID "IT IS UP TO YOU" TO CHOOSE THE TRACKS AND METHODS, AND UP TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE THE MEANS.

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8. BUT, GISCARD SAID, AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT AND FULFILLMENT OF AFRICAN PERSONALITY COULD ONLY TAKE PLACE IN SECURITY. GISCARD RECALLED THAT DEGAULLE HAD RECOGNIZED RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE OF AFRICAN STATES. HE THEN REITERATED CENTRAL THEME OF HIS ADDRESS EARLIER IN THE DAY THAT AFRICAN STATES ALSO HAD "RIGHT TO SECURITY." HE SPOKE OF IMPEDIMENT POSED TO TASK OF DEVELOPMENT IF STATES HAD TO LIVE IN "UNCERTAIN WORLD WHERE AT ANY MOMENT THEIR PERSONALITY, THEIR INDEPENDENCE, THEIR SECURITY CAN FEEL THREATENED." FRENCH PRESIDENT CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS "A SORT OF DIALECTIC

BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY" TO WHICH "SOLIDARITY" AS  
MANIFESTED AT DAKAR SUMMIT OFFERED THE APPROPRIATE FASHION OF  
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